A. Opposition by the Students of Film & Television Institute of India to the Appointment of

1. Gajendra Chauhan as the Chairman of FTII Governing council.
2. Three other members in the "Persons of Eminence Category"
    a. Dr. Narendra Pathak
    b. Mrs. Anagha Ashok Ghaisas
    c. Mr. Rahul Solapurkar
3. One member in "Alumni of FTII" category:-
    a. Mr. Sailesh Gupta

B. Why are the students opposing the appointment of the said individuals to the respective posts?

1. The students feel that the appointments have been made either with extreme negligence or with political motives, the net result of which is a steep diversion from the quality of appointments done by the previous government including the previous NDA government (1999-2004).
2. The students object to the fact that some of the recent appointees (including the proposed chairman) do not have a body of work worth national or global recognition and they do not seem to have made noteworthy contribution to cinema or arts in general.
3. The students also object to the fact that most of the appointees are ideologically, organizationally or politically linked to the Bharatiya Janata Party, it's ideological parent organization the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and other organizations affiliated to the same. Although having link or allegiance to the aforementioned organizations does not make an individual summarily unsuitable for the said posts, but the mere fact that people belonging to a certain ideology have been disproportionately over-represented in the FTII society does not create a fostering environment for ideas that are vital to any form of art education-freedom of thought, freedom of conscience, freedom of speech & expression and right to artistic liberty. Had the FTII society consisted of members of extraordinary caliber coming from diverse (or even conflicting) political thoughts, the students would have found the society more acceptable.
4. In addition to the above points, the students also wish to express that a certain pattern has been observed in the recent appointments, not only to the FTII society, but also to the councils of similar bodies. In the recent past, the ruling party has been accused of installing mediocre, inept and under-qualified individuals to various important posts like chairmen/members of CBFC, CFSI etc solely on the basis of their closeness to the party. As young citizens of this country, the students view these patterns as damaging and counter-productive to democracy and hence wish to express their objection to the same.

C. Opposition to Mr. Gajendra Chauhan as Chairman of FTII Governing Council (GC)

- **Why is the post of the Chairman of FTII GC important?**
    - The chair-person of the Governing Council heads the GC which makes all the important decisions regarding the institute, within the scope of autonomy that the institute enjoys (though under the Ministry Information and Broadcast).